



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6488**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVACUATION AND TEMPORARY  
SHELTERING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 28-7 of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) Each town or city of the state shall establish a local organization  
5 for civil preparedness in accordance with the state civil preparedness  
6 plan and program, provided any two or more towns or cities may,  
7 with the approval of the commissioner, establish a joint organization  
8 for civil preparedness. The authority of such local or joint organization  
9 for civil preparedness shall not supersede that of any regularly  
10 organized police or fire department. In order to be eligible for any state  
11 or federal benefits under this chapter, not later than January 1, 2008,  
12 and annually thereafter, each town or city of the state shall have a  
13 current emergency plan of operations that has been approved by the  
14 commissioner. The plan shall be submitted to the commissioner after it  
15 has been approved by the local emergency management director and  
16 the local chief executive. Such plan may be submitted with a notice  
17 stating that the plan remains unchanged from the previous year's  
18 version. The emergency plan of operations of every town or city  
19 situated on the shoreline of the state shall contain provisions

20 addressing an emergency caused by any existing liquefied natural gas  
21 terminal located on the Long Island Sound and every town or city  
22 situated on the shoreline of the state shall submit such plan to the joint  
23 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
24 matters relating to public safety, in accordance with the provisions of  
25 section 11-4a, and the commissioner to obtain approval. The committee  
26 shall hold a public hearing regarding such plan not later than thirty  
27 days after receiving the plan. Not later than five days after the hearing,  
28 the committee shall (1) hold a roll-call vote to approve or reject the  
29 plan, and (2) forward the plan and a record of the committee's vote to  
30 the General Assembly. Such emergency plan of operations shall not be  
31 approved by the commissioner unless the commissioner determines  
32 that the plan proposes strategies that address all the activities and  
33 measures of civil preparedness identified in subdivision (4) of section  
34 28-1. Each town or city of the state shall consider whether to [provide]  
35 include in such plan provisions for the nonmilitary evacuation of  
36 livestock, [and horses in such plan] horses, pets and service animals,  
37 and the temporary sheltering of pets, service animals and animals  
38 trained to assist first responders.

39 (b) Each local organization for civil preparedness shall consist of an  
40 advisory council and an emergency management director appointed  
41 by the chief executive officer. The advisory council shall contain  
42 representatives of city or town agencies concerned with civil  
43 preparedness and representatives of interests, including business,  
44 labor, agriculture, veterans, women's groups, local and state animal  
45 humane organizations and others, which are important to the civil  
46 preparedness program in the particular community. The emergency  
47 management director shall be responsible for the organization,  
48 administration and operation of such local organization, subject to the  
49 direction and control of the commissioner. The chief executive officer  
50 may remove any local emergency management director for cause.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2013</i> | 28-7(a) and (b) |
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*